AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0106] of the specification, as follows:

$$(X_k | \ge M_k)$$
 and $(R_k | \ge M_k)$ and $(X_k \cdot R_k < 0)$ $(X_k | \le M_k)$ and $(R_k | < M_k)$ [Equation 27]

Please amend paragraph [0109] of the specification, as follows:

$$Dist_{2} = D_{21} + D_{22} + \beta * D_{23} \quad (|X_{k}| \ge M_{k}) \quad and \quad (|R_{k}| \ge M_{k}) \quad and \quad (|X_{k}| \ge M_{k}) \quad and \quad$$

Please amend paragraph [0112] of the specification, as follows:

$$D_{21} = |X_k| M_k$$
 Dist₂ = $D_{21} + D_{22} + \beta * D_{23}$ [Equation 29]

Please amend paragraph [0114] of the specification, as follows:

$$D_{22} = |R_k| M_k \qquad D_{21} = |X_k| - M_k$$
 [Equation 30]

Please amend paragraph [0115] of the specification, as follows:

$$D_{23} = M_k \cdot 2$$
 $D_{22} = |R_k| - M_k$ [Equation 31]

Please amend paragraph [0116] of the specification, as follows:

$$(|X_k| \ge M_k)$$
 and $(|R_k| < M_k)$ $D_{23} = M_k \cdot 2$ [Equation 32]

Please amend paragraph [0118] of the specification, as follows:

$$\frac{Dist_3 = D_{31}}{-|X_k| - M_k} \qquad \underbrace{\left(|X_k| \ge M_k\right) \quad and \quad \left(|R_k| < M_k\right)}_{\text{Equation 33}} \text{ [Equation 33]}$$

Please amend paragraph [0121] of the specification, as follows:

$$(|X_k| < M_k)$$
 and $(|R_k| \ge M_k)$ $= |X_k| - M_k$ [Equation 34]

Please amend paragraph [0123] of the specification, as follows:

$$(|X_k| < M_k)$$
 and $(|R_k| < M_k)$ $(|X_k| < M_k)$ and $(|R_k| \ge M_k)$ [Equation 35]